

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 13, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

The bill of materials as identified in menus 404 and 406 is displayed as shown in presentation 408. Selecting an element of a bill of materials displays the attributes of that element on the right hand side of the screen 421, 422, 423, 424 and 425 (Presentation B). Component description portion 421 reflects a description of the element selected. Component type portion 422 displays the type of component, for example a resistor, capacitor or integrated circuit, that applies to the selected element. If a root is selected, then component type 422 shows the root type, for example a disk array. Component type portion 422 also determines the list that the information is selected from in package type portion 422 426, circuit type portion 423 and type portion 424.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 18, line 13, with the following amended paragraph:

The present disclosure is applicable to any manufactured good. A computer system is used as an example of a manufactured product for which the method may be practiced. Computer system 1330 includes central processing unit (CPU) 1332 connected by host bus 1334 to various components including main memory 1336, storage device controller 1338, network interface 1340, audio ~~and video~~ controllers 1342, and input/output devices 1344 connected via input/output (I/O) controllers 1346. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that this system encompasses all types of computer systems including, for example, mainframes, minicomputers, workstations, servers, personal computers, Internet terminals, network appliances, notebooks, palm tops, personal digital assistants, and embedded systems.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 19, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

As discussed previously, features of the invention may communicate information electronically. Risk management tool 105 communicates electronically with suppliers 140 160 and with individuals who monitor activity of the tool to increase compliance 165. The invention may communicate information electronically across a medium such as the Internet but may also exchange information across any other operable medium. As stated previously, the Internet is used as an example and use of the example should not be taken to be limiting.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 19, line 13, with the following amended paragraph:

An example of a typical Internet connection is shown in Fig. 14. A user that wishes to access the Internet typically has a computer workstation, such as computer system 1330 as shown in Figure 13. Workstation 1412 executes an application program known as a web browser 1414. Workstation 1412 establishes a communication link 1416 with web server 1418 such as a dial-up wired connection with a modem, a direct link such as a T1 or ISDN line, a wireless connection through a cellular or satellite network. When the user enters a request for information by entering commands in web browser 1414, work station 1412 sends a request for information, such as a search for documents pertaining to a specified topic, or a specific web page to web server 1418. Each web server 1418, 1420, 1422, 1424 on the Internet has a known address which the user must supply to the web browser 1414 in order to connect to the appropriate web server 1418, 1420, 1422, or 1424. If the information is available on the user's web server 1018 1418, a central link such as backbone 1426 allows web servers 1418, 1420, 1422, 1424 to communicate with one another to supply the requested information. Web server 1418 services requests for the information and receives information from (or transmits information to) workstation 1412. In an embodiment of the invention a user may use a workstation, such as workstation 1412 to transmit information to server 1418 which stores the information.

In the Figures

Figures 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5A, 8A, 8B, 8C, 10, 12, and 13 have been amended and labeled “Replacement Sheet” and sent in a separate paper to the Official Draftsperson.